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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 15-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 15-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on ____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: .

DETAILED ACTION

1. This communication is responsive to amendment A, filed 08/21/02.
2. In the amendment, filed 08/21/02, Claims 1-14 were canceled and claims 15-32 were added. This action is made Final.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior office action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. Claims 15-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mullaney (U.S. Pat. No. 5,917,484).
5. Per claim 15, Mullaney teaches a device comprising: a display unit; means for displaying a first screen for selecting a display language on the display unit (fig. 4; col. 5, lines 4-7); and means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit (fig. 4; "<Back"), the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59), wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen (col. 7, lines 27-29).
6. Per claim 16, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59).
7. Per claim 17, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 16, wherein the predetermined language is English (fig. 5).

8. Per claim 18, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (fig. 5, "<Back").
9. Per claim 19, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 15, wherein the second screen provides plural options for various device settings (fig. 5; items: 504, 506, and 508).
10. Per claim 20, Mullaney teaches a device comprising: a display unit; means for displaying a first screen on the display unit for selecting a display language (fig. 4; col. 5, lines 4-7); and means for displaying a plurality of second screens on the display unit, each of which has an option (figs. 5 and 6, "<Back"), wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on any one of the second screens (col. 7, lines 27-29).
11. Per claim 21, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 20, wherein the option has a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59).
12. Per claim 22, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 21, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59).
13. Per claim 23, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 22, wherein the predetermined language is English (figs. 5 and 6).
14. Per claim 24, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 21, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (Figs 5 and 6; "<Back").
15. Per claim 25, Mullaney teaches a device according to claim 20, wherein the second screen provides plural options for various device settings (fig. 5; items: 504, 506, and 508).

16. Per claim 26, Mullaney teaches a device comprising: a display unit; means for displaying a screen on the display unit for selecting a display language (fig. 4); and a dedicated key switch provided outside of the display unit, wherein the display language selection screen is displayed on the display unit when the dedicated key switch is operated (col. 5, lines 4-7).

17. Per claim 27, Mullaney teaches a display device comprising: a display unit which displays a first screen for selecting a display language (fig. 4) and a second screen with an option (fig. 5; "<Back"), wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated (col. 7, lines 27-29); and a control unit which controls the option to appear the same regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 5, lines 39-46).

18. Per claim 28, Mullaney teaches a display device according to claim 27, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59).

19. Per claim 29, Mullaney teaches a display device according to claim 27, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (fig. 5; "<Back").

20. Per claim 30, Mullaney teaches a method of display comprising: displaying a first screen with an option in a first display language (fig. 5; "<Back"; col 5, lines 39-42); displaying a second screen for selecting a display language when the option is designated on the first screen; setting the selected language through the second screen as a second display language, the second display language being different from the first display language (fig. 4; col. 7, lines 27-29); and displaying a third screen with the option in the second display language, said option having a same appearance as in the first screen (fig. 5).

21. Per claim 31, Mullaney teaches a display device according to claim 30, wherein the option is indicated in a predetermined language regardless of the display language currently selected (col. 2, lines 51-59).

22. Per claim 32, Mullaney teaches a display device according to claim 30, wherein the option is indicated by a predetermined symbol regardless of the display language currently selected (fig. 5; "<Back").

Response to Arguments

23. Claim 15 recites "means for displaying a second screen with an option on the display unit, the option having a same appearance regardless of the display language currently selected, wherein the first screen is displayed when the option is designated on the second screen".

Mullaney teaches methods of configuring a computer system locale. Mullaney teaches that a user can invoke the process of which generates and displays the language selection screen of Fig. 4, and configure the system locale while viewing the screens of Fig. 5-8 in his own locale regardless of the language selected in the Fig. 4(col. 2, lines 51 –59). In addition, Mullaney also teaches that a user can navigate among the above screens using "Back" or "Next" button (col. 7, lines 27-29). Thus, a user can always invoke the language selection using the "Back" button while viewing any of the screens of Figs. 5-8.

24. Claims 20, 27 and 30 are rejected under similar rationale to claim 15.

25. Claim 26, Mullaney teaches that a user can invoke the language selection screen in one of two ways: by entering an appropriate command or upon powering up the computer system (col. 5, lines 4-7). Thus, a user can initiate the language selection screen by entering command

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through computer keyboard or reboot the computer by pressing the power on/off or restart button on the system. Both of these ways are provided outside of the display.

Conclusion

26. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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